(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The nominated representative of the Ministry of Environment & Forests could not attend the Session of the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change Working Group-I held in Paris during 29 January - 1 February 2007 owing to illness, however, an official from the Embassy of India in Paris attended the meeting.

Green India Scheme

2017. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) under Green India Scheme how much allocation of funds have been made to hilly States and other States;

(b) whether Government have promulgated any special scheme to ensure additional income for rural hilly women;

(c) if so, the progress made; and

(d) whether Government formulated a special policy for science, technology and environment in hilly States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Under Grants-in-aid for Greening India Scheme, a total amount of Rs. 6.4 crores is provided for the year 2006-07. No state-wise allocation is provided under the scheme. However, funds are separately available for North-Eastern Region to the tune of Rs. 1.6 crores and for the Rest of India to the tune of Rs. 4.8 crores.

(b) and (c) There is no special scheme promulgated by this Ministry to ensure additional income for rural hilly women.

(d) There is no special policy formulated for science, technology and environment in hilly States, by this Ministry.